

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6868

Investigation into the Village of Hyde Park                    )  
Electric Department's Integrated Resource Plan            )

Order entered: 6/2/2006

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A prehearing conference was held in this docket on September 8, 2003. Appearances were entered by Geoffrey Commons, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"), and William Piper, Esq., of Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer, P.C., for the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department ("Hyde Park").

At the hearing, the Department and Hyde Park put forth a joint proposal that the fourteen municipal utilities represented by the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority ("VPPSA")<sup>1</sup> file a combined integrated resource plan ("IRP") in March, 2004. The proposal envisioned VPPSA aggregating the power supply information for all fourteen municipalities and addressing the specific situations of VPPSA's individual members in separate appendices to this joint filing.

The Department also requested that VPPSA perform additional probabilistic analyses. The parties believed that such actions would improve the quality of the resulting IRP process for VPPSA's members and increase administrative efficiency for all the parties involved. Hyde Park indicated at the prehearing conference that VPPSA had discussed this proposal with the majority of VPPSA's members, and that those members aware of the proposal had given their support to the idea.

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1. The 14 Municipal Utilities include: Barton Village Inc. Electric Department; Village of Enosburg Falls Water & Light Department; Town of Hardwick Electric Department; Village of Hyde Park Electric Department; Village of Jacksonville Electric Department; Village of Johnson Water & Light Department; Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department; Village of Lyndonville Electric Department; Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department; Village of Northfield Electric Department; Village of Orleans Electric Department; Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department; Town of Stowe Electric Department; and Swanton Village Inc. Electric Department.

On November 22, 2003, the Board issued an order closing Docket 6290<sup>2</sup> and stating that the IRP's for Hyde Park and six other municipalities should be filed by December 31, 2003. The IRP's were filed by VPPSA.

On May 2, 2006, a letter was filed by Hyde Park requesting that this Docket be closed.

On May 5, 2006, the Department concurred that this Docket should be closed.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

It has been more than two years since VPPSA filed the IRP under consideration in this docket. Considering the changes in the power market, and the fact that Hyde Park will be filing a new IRP, I find the parties' proposal to close this docket to be reasonable. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board adopt it.

This Proposal for Decision has been served on all parties to this proceeding in accordance with 3 V.S.A. § 811.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

s/Ennis John Gidney  
Ennis John Gidney  
Hearing Officer

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2. Docket No. 6290 was an investigation into the establishment of guidelines for distributed utility planning by Vermont electric distribution utilities.

**III. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The recommendation of the Hearing Officer is accepted.
2. This Docket shall be closed.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2006.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 2, 2006

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.*